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Deputy Mayor Atkins Calls For Complete Management Audit Of San Diego Data Processing Corporation

SAN DIEGO -- In light of the recent revelations regarding corporate expenses, Deputy Mayor Toni Atkins called for an outside independent audit of the management and organization of the San Diego Data Processing Corporation (DPC). Atkins believes that a qualified firm should be chosen to closely examine whether the existing structure of the organization and its relationship with the city still makes sense today with the many recent advances in technology, increased competition and a retail industry that did not exist when DPC was formed in 1979. In addition, the City of San Diego now has its own Information Technology and Communications Department that may be better suited to accomplish what DPC was initially established to do.

"I believe that it's time for the city to re-examine whether the relationship that was developed 25 years ago still makes sense today," stated Atkins, "When DPC was formed, we lived in a very different world and many technological advances have occurred since then. To me, it would seem

that this is an opportune time to truly examine how we can best meet the city's information and communication technology needs in the most efficient and financially sound way, especially during these tough budget times."

San Diego Data Processing Corporation, a non-profit corporation, was formed in 1979 by the City of San Diego, when the city chose to privatize the Data Processing Department. Ninety-five percent of DPC's revenue comes from the city for services provided to them.

As part of the audit, and in addition to examining the existing structure, Deputy Mayor Atkins hopes that an appropriate selection process will be developed to search for a replacement for former CEO, Roger Talamantez. Atkins further believes that all costs associated with this audit should be borne entirely by DPC.

"It may be that DPC has served its useful life at the city, especially since the city now has its own Information Technology and Communications Department, but I don't believe we can determine that unless we are thorough in our analysis of the situation," noted Atkins.

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